

The EOSC Association

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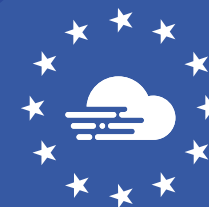
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Talk outline

- ★ Where do we come from?
- ★ What have we been doing?
- ★ Where are we now?
- ★ What comes next?
- ★ How can I join?
- ★ Why should I join?

Where do we come from?

- ★ The shared vision between the EC, MS&AC and a large community
- ★ The decision of the governing bodies to institute a Co-programmed Partnership as the best instrument to collectively achieve this vision



Where do we come from?

- ★ This instrument required the incorporation of a new legal entity: the EOSC Association
 - Having as members all relevant stakeholders in the EOSC ecosystem
 - Entering into a contractual agreement with the European Commission to direct the Partnership under Horizon Europe
- ★ The legal entity would be in the form of an AISBL (international non-profit association under Belgian law)

Where do we come from?

★ The Statute

https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/sites/default/files/eosc_statutes.pdf

★ The international purpose of the Association is

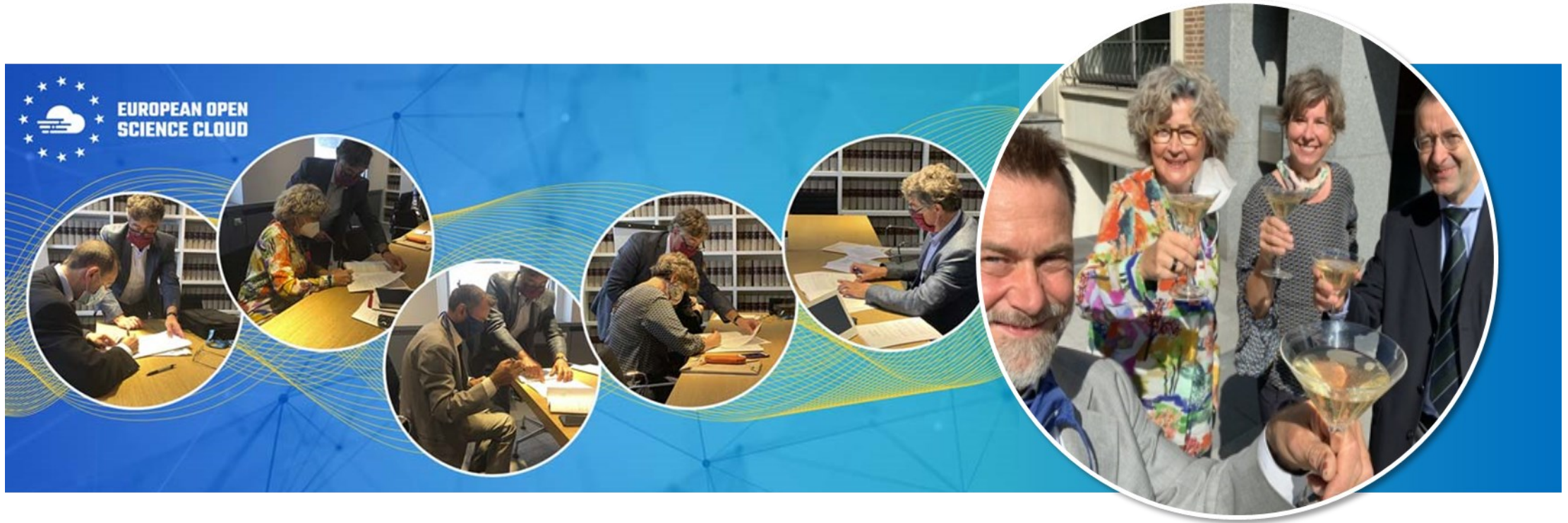
- to provide a single voice for advocacy and representation for the broader EOSC stakeholder community,
- to promote the alignment of European Union research policy and priorities with activities coordinated by the Association, and
- to enable seamless access to data through interoperable services that address the entire research data life cycle, from discovery to storage, management, analysis and re-use across borders and scientific disciplines.

Where do we come from?

- ★ A first draft of the Bylaws
- ★ Bootstrapping its incorporation through the selection of four founding members
 - whose main mission would be to «quickly accept Members and Observers ... before any votes are taken on Bylaws or other issues. The founding members should also take ownership of the work initiated by the Drafting Group on the Bylaws and work collectively to consult and iterate on these before the General Assembly».

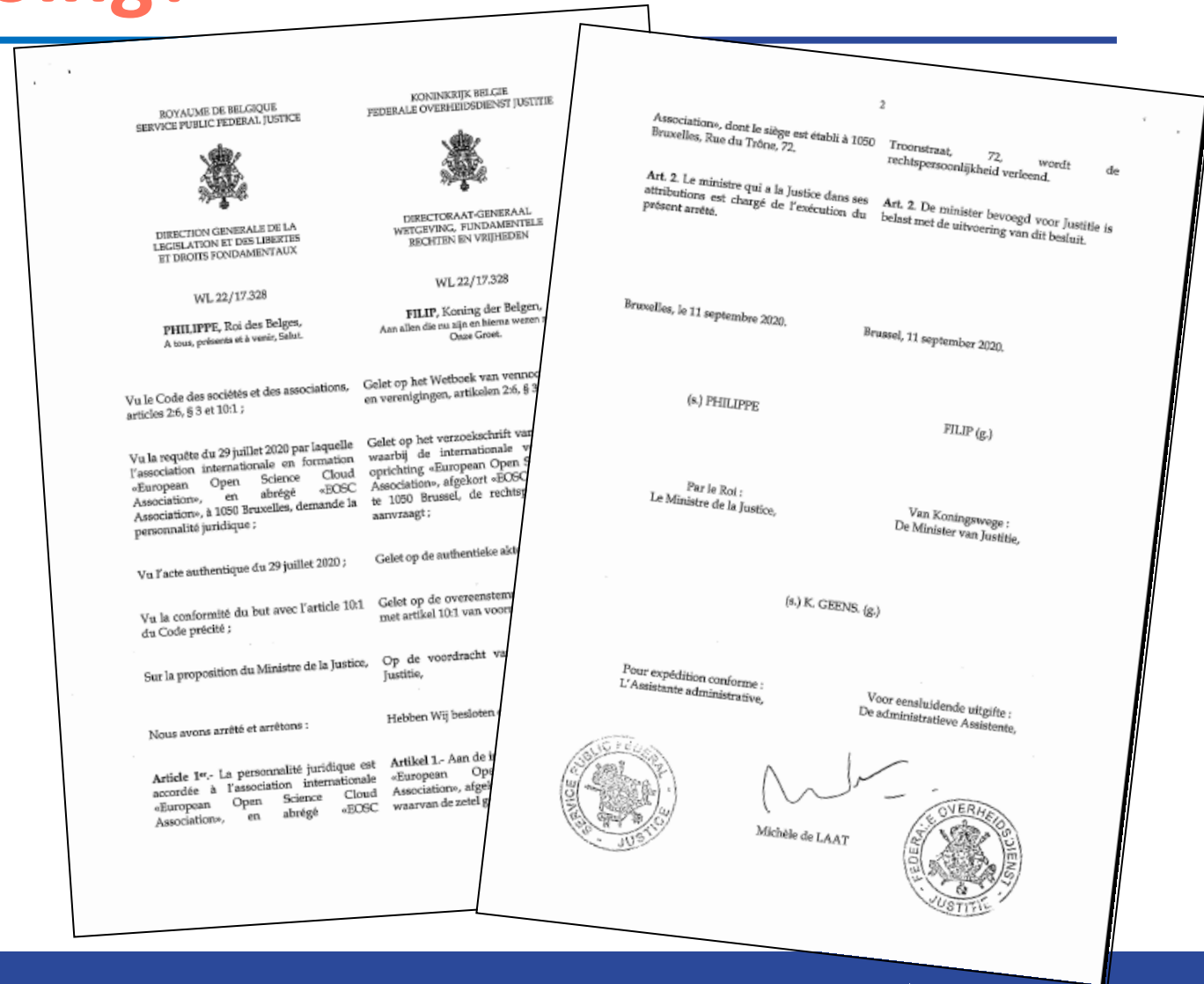
What have we been doing?

- ★ Incorporated before a notary on July 29, 2020. The founding members are CESAER, GÉANT, CSIC and GARR



What have we been doing?

- ★ The constitution does not come into force until the publication in the Belgian official gazette of its creation decree.
- ★ The legal personality has been granted to the association by royal decree dated September 11, 2020



What have we been doing?

- ★ Working on the application process for joining the EOSC Association
- ★ Formed a Bylaws WG out of a group of volunteers from candidate members organizations
 - Memberships provisions; Financing; Bodies of EOSC Association; Adding specific counsels and rules affecting them; General terms and provisions; Policies
- ★ Ensuring proper DNS for the Association: eosc.eu
 - Also eosc-association.eu; eosc-association.org; eosc-aisbl.org
- ★ EOSC EPA MoU
- ★ Approach to Secretary General Search (job description)
- ★ Started preparations for the election process

Where are we now?

Status	Paperwork OK	Paperwork Not OK yet	Total
Candidate member	119	11	130
Candidate observer	39	2	41
Mandated organisation	12	1	13
Total	170	14	184

(As of 16 October 2020)

Where are we now?

Main Category	Paperwork OK	Paperwork Not OK yet	Total
Research funding organisations	12	1	13
Research performing organisations	105	9	114
Service providing organisations	50	4	54
Other organizations	3	0	3
Total	170	14	184

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Where are we now?

★ Members and Observers must:

- Be a legal entity established in accordance with the laws and customs of the country of origin or be constituted as an intergovernmental organisation pursuant to an international treaty in accordance with principles of international law. They cannot be a department of national governments or ministries;
- Confirm in writing that they embrace and endorse the vision of the Association and adhere to its values;
- Have a substantial and significant interest in, and potential contribution to or impact on, EOSC;

Where are we now?

★ Members and Observers must:

- Fall into one or more of the following categories of organisations: Research funding organisation; Research performing organisation; Service providing organisation; Other organisation.
- All Members should have a presence in an EU Member State or Associated Country, or any other country associated with the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. Observers may be established outside this area.
- Pay the annual membership fee and adhere to the Statutes, Bylaws and decisions of the governing bodies;

Where are we now?

- ★ Each MS&AC that has one or more organisations that are Members of the Association may appoint one (1) Member to act as its Mandated Organisation, to represent national interests. In addition, the EIROforum is permitted to mandate one of its members to represent the views of the Forum.
- ★ Mandated organizations have additional voting rights.

What comes next?

15 OCT	Deadline for the first round of applications
19-30 OCT	Open consultation on Bylaws
28 OCT	1 st Meeting of the Board (1 st batch of provisional members)
25 NOV	Bylaws finalized
27 NOV	All legal materials for first General Assembly ready
17 DEC	1 st GA to elect President, Board and set budget (2 nd batch of members)
31 DEC	Mandate of current Governance ends
Early 2021	EOSC Association and EU sign European Partnership Agreement

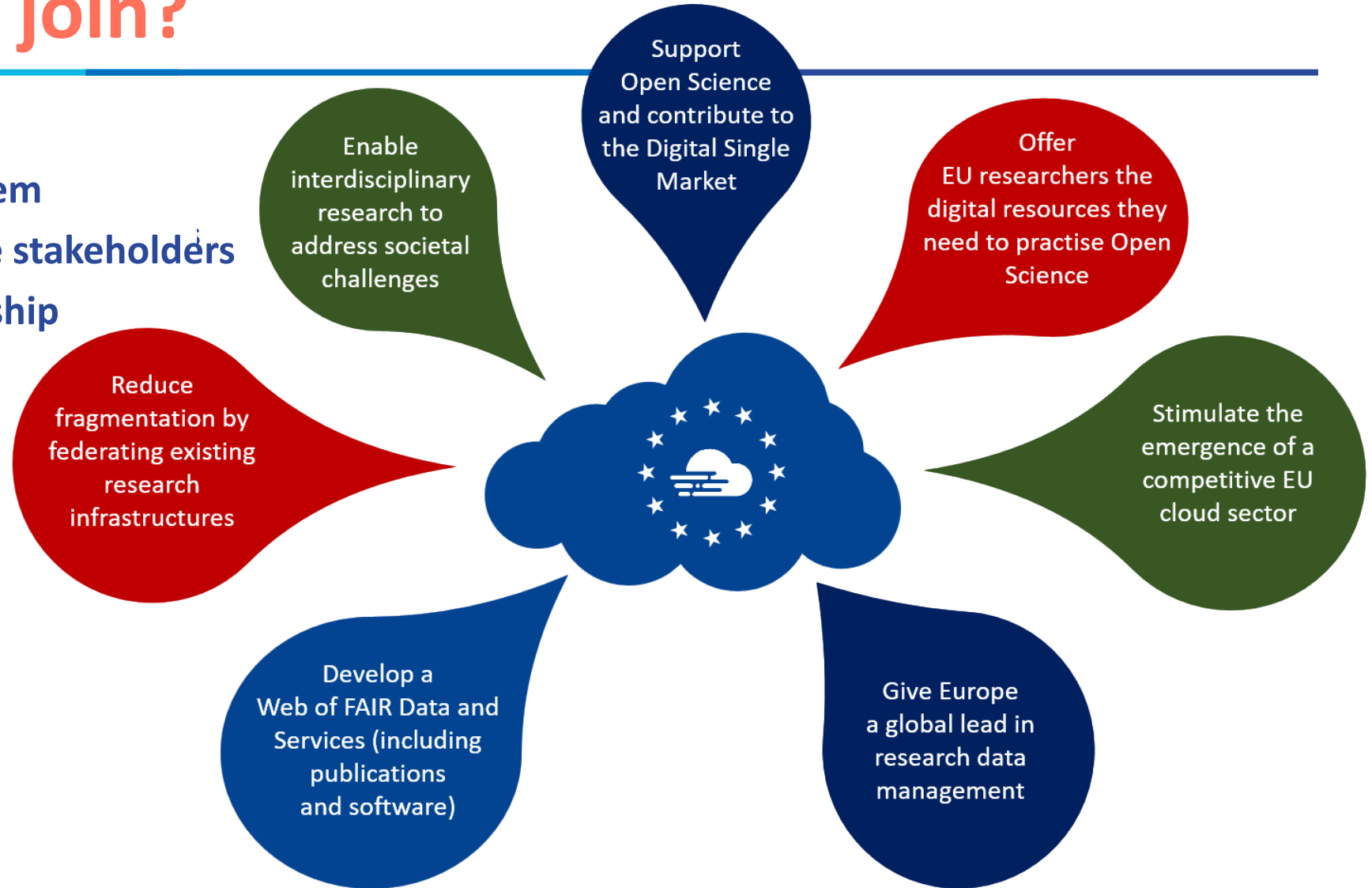
How can I join?

- ★ <https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/application-joining-eosc-association>
 - ✓ Organisation: Legal Name; Acronym; Country; Web URL; Legal status; Information about legal entity
 - ✓ Type of membership: Member; Observer; Mandated member
 - ✓ The category or categories in which you would like to be classified : RFO, RPO, SP, Other
 - ✓ Person nominated to represent you in the General Assembly as Delegate
 - ✓ Upload documents testifying that you have legal entity and clarifying your legal status.
 - ✓ Upload a formal letter of your legal representative indicating your interest to be admitted as a member or an observer, that your institution fully subscribes to our Statutes, will embrace and endorse the vision of the Association and will embrace and endorse the vision of the Association, adhere to its values and respect its decisions.
 - ✓ To be admitted as a 'mandated organisation', upload a formal letter of the competent national authorities nominating the entity as the mandated organisation of the country.
- ★ “Grace period” of two first months of 2021 taking into account present uncertainties (fees, bylaws,...)

Why should I join?

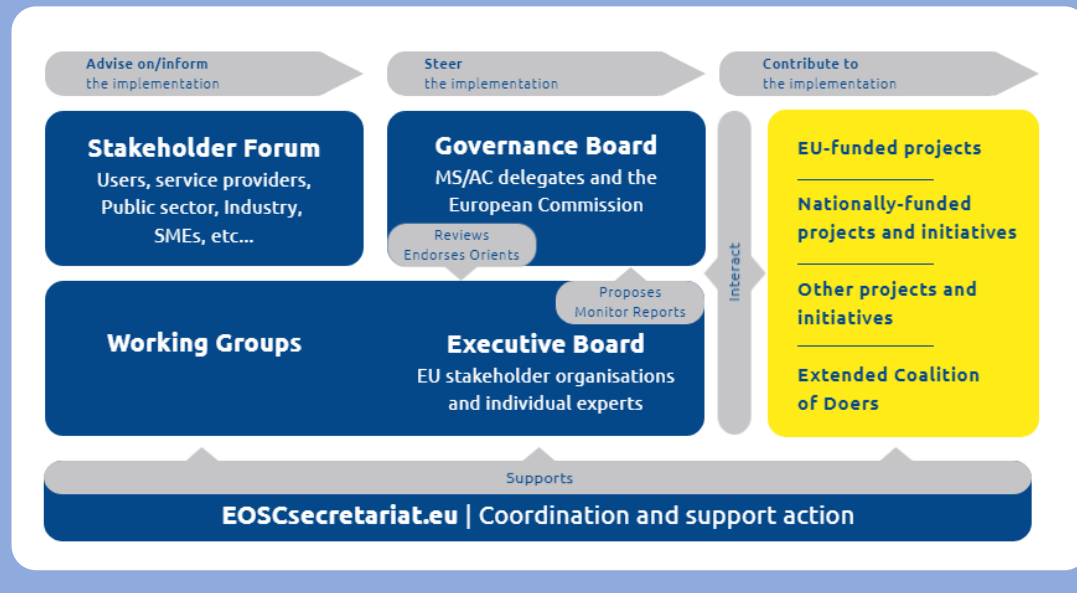
The Vision

Building the EOSC ecosystem
collaboratively with all the stakeholders
through the EOSC Partnership

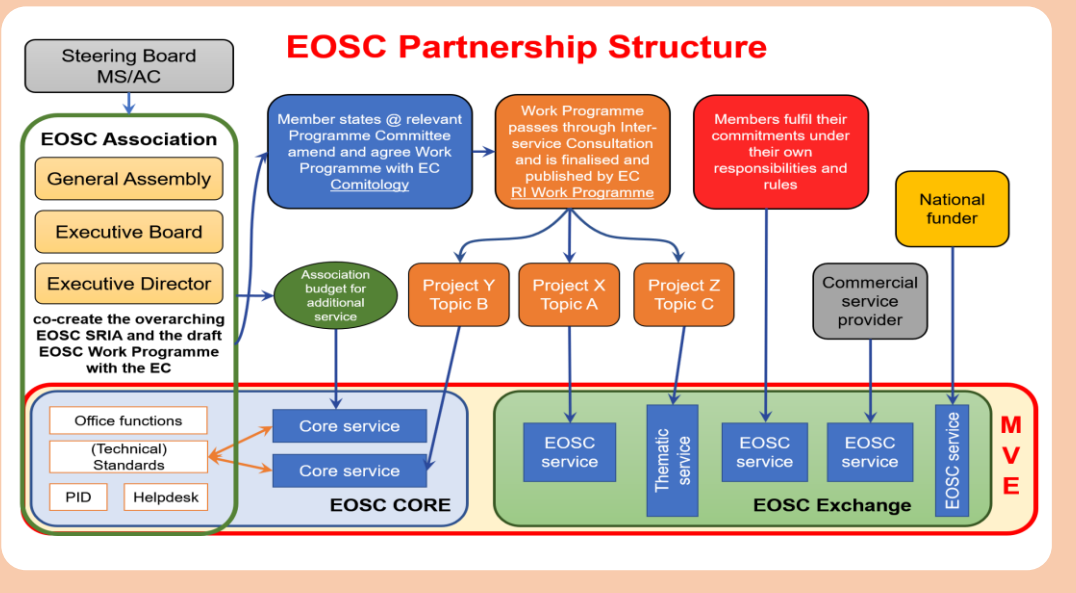


EOSC governance is transitioning

Current governance structure until 31 December 2020



New EOSC European Partnership



Join the EOSC Association to influence future directions

Any questions?



Thanks!